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1. QUOTED IN PARAGRAPH 2 BELOW IS THE TEXT OF A LETTER TO
PRESIDENT CARTER FROM ACTING SECRETARY GENERAL
PETRIGNANI ANNOUNCING THE DPC'S DECISION TO APPOINT VADM
TRAIN AS THE NEW SACLANT. THE SIGNED ORIGINAL IS BEING
POUCHED TODAY.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

- BRUSSELS, 10TH AUGUST, 1978

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT,

- IN THE ABSENCE OF DR. LUNS, MAY I THANK YOU FOR
YOUR LETTER OF 25TH JULY, WHICH WAS FORWARDED TO ME BY
AMBASSADOR TAPLEY BENNETT, COMMUNICATING YOUR NOMINATION
OF VICE ADMIRAL HARRY D. TRAIN, II, FOR APPOINTMENT AS
SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER ATLANTIC.

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PLANNING COMMITTEE HAVE REVIEWED THE QUALIFICATIONS OF
VICE ADMIRAL TRAIN AND I NOW HAVE PLEASURE IN INFORMING
YOU THAT AT THEIR MEETING TODAY THE MEMBERS OF THE
COMMITTEE HAVE DECIDED TO APPOINT HIM AS SUPREME ALLIED
COMMANDER ATLANTIC, EFFECTIVE 1ST OCTOBER, 1978. IN
DOING SO, THEY EXPRESSED ONCE AGAIN THEIR GRATITUDE FOR
THE SERVICES RENDERED TO THE ALLIANCE BY ADMIRAL KIDD,

AS WELL AS THEIR WARM APPRECIATION TO THE UNITED STATES
FOR THE HIGH QUALITY OF THE NOMINEE SUBMITTED FOR THEIR
CONSIDERATION AS HIS SUCCESSOR.

- AS AGREED WITH THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION, A
PRESS RELEASE CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT WILL BE ISSUED
SIMULTANEOUSLY IN WASHINGTON AND BRUSSELS ON
11TH AUGUST, 1978.

- SINCERELY YOURS,

- RINALDO PETRIGNANI
- ACTING SECRETARY GENERAL

THE HONORABLE JIMMY CARTER,
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
THE WHITE HOUSE,
WASHINGTON, D.C.,
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